

# Melanitta nigra

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Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status (Secure)

Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —

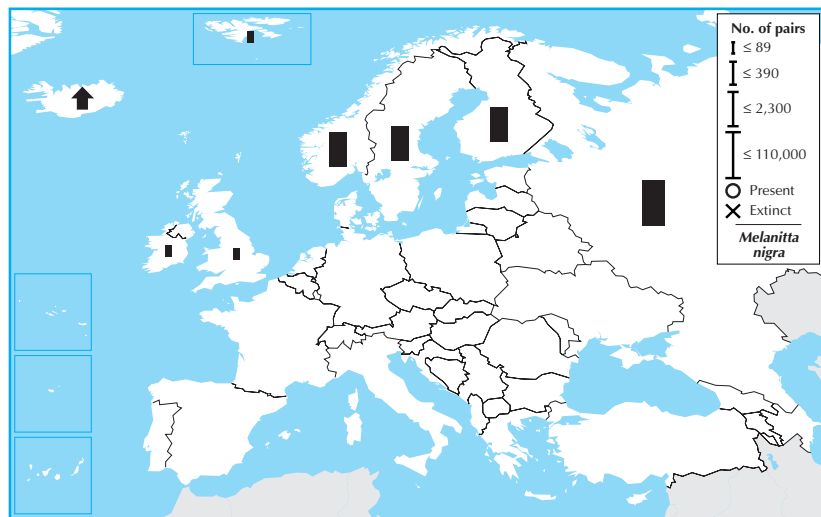
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*Melanitta nigra* breeds in northern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively large (>100,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Populations in most countries—including the Russian stronghold—were stable during 1990–2000, and thus the species remained stable overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Finland	(1,000 – 2,000)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	
Iceland	300 – 500	00	+	0–19	21,9
Rep. Ireland	<b>80 – 100</b>	95–99	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	
Norway	(1,000 – 5,000)	90–03	(0)	(0–19)	
Svalbard	0 – 10	90–03	(0)	(0–19)	
Russia	(100,000 – 120,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	85
Sweden	(1,500 – 3,000)	99–00	(0)	(0–19)	
UK	77 – 77	96	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	34

<b>Total (approx.)</b>	100,000 – 130,000	<b>Overall trend Stable</b>			
<b>Breeding range</b>	>1,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Gen. length 4</b>	<b>% Global pop. 5–24</b>		

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Belgium	<b>900 – 9,600</b>	95–00	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	1
Denmark	<b>240,000 – 240,000</b>	99–00	–	30–49	25,26
Estonia	50 – 600	98	<b>F</b>	<b>20–29</b>	1
Finland	(20 – 200)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	
France	<b>23,000 – 45,000</b>	98–02	–	30–49	9
Germany	<b>179,000 – 179,000</b>	87–03	?	–	4
Rep. Ireland	<b>15,000 – 20,000</b>	94–00	<b>F</b>	<b>20–29</b>	
Italy	150 – 400	02	0	0–19	22
Latvia	<b>1,000 – 5,000</b>	92–94	–	50–79	27,32
Lithuania	250 – 1,000	92–02	<b>F</b>	>80	
Netherlands	<b>69,000 – 69,000</b>	99–01	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	3,4,8,9,11,12
Norway	2,000 – 6,000	93–96	(0)	(0–19)	
Poland	(20,000 – 100,000)	92–97	(F)	(–)	116
Portugal	(6,000 – 27,000)	90–02	(–)	(–)	27
Spain	<b>300 – 16,000</b>	90–01	?	–	19
Sweden	<b>1,000 – 5,000</b>	98–01	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	
UK	<b>50,000 – 50,000</b>	90–99	+	<b>83</b>	49

<b>Total (approx.)</b>	>610,000	<b>Overall trend Small decline</b>			
<b>% in European IBAs</b>	73–85	<b>Gen. length 4</b>	<b>% Global pop. 25–49</b>		

2000 population

100

1990 population

100

Data quality (%) – *Melanitta nigra*

□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend

100

1970–1990 trend

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